

June 2021 Holly Happenings



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Principal/Vice Principal Message

Dear Parents,

As we head in to our last month of this school year, we wanted to take a moment to say thank you for all your support. It has been over a year that we have endured a global pandemic. You have ensured mask wearing with your children and yourselves. You have respected keeping your distance from each other. You have continued doing daily health checks for you and your family, and you have even sung Baby Shark for 20 seconds while washing your hands! For this we are eternally grateful.

-Andrew Shook & Zahra Kabani

Every Child Matters



This past Friday, Tk'emlúps te Secwé pemc First Nation in Kamloops, B.C. announced the discovery of the remains of more than 215 children buried at the site of what was once a residential school. This news was a heartbreaking reminder of the trauma of residential schools, and the impacts that remain in our province today.

To honour these children and all those who suffered trauma and harm at the former residential school in Kamloops, all flags in our district will be flown at half-mast until further notice.

This horrific tragedy serves as a difficult reminder for survivors of residential schools and their families, of the hurt and intergenerational trauma they have endured. We will continue to care for our staff, students, and families in need of our support or resources, and we encourage anyone who needs additional support to reach out to their school. We must all continue to take care of each other.

Beginning tomorrow, June 1st and for 9 days, we are asking you to consider wearing, or displaying Orange as one way to honour and remember these children and their families; as well as showing support for Indigenous Peoples across Canada who will be feeling the impact of this discovery.

This statement has been posted on our district website ([link](#)).

Every Child Matters T-Shirt



Please see the website below if you would like to order an Every Child Matters T-Shirt. These items can be ordered through the website and will be shipped directly to your home.

<https://metis-nation-british-columbia.myshopify.com/collections/newreleases/products/short-sleeve-t-shirt-5>

Farewell



We bid farewell to our amazing librarian Mrs. Myles, as she is officially off on Maternity leave. We wish her every happiness as she embarks on this amazing journey of Mommyhood! We can't wait to meet your precious little bundle! Best wishes, Mrs. Myles!



It has been 25 years since Mrs. Mitchell walked through the doors at Holly. Mrs. Mitchell has been there with a smiling face and a kind heart as she welcomes us into the building everyday. She's ready with bandaids for kids and adults too and she always knows where everything is!

Mrs. Mitchell has seen it all; championship Holly teams, passing off the Sedin twins as her sons, being part of Holly's 50th anniversary, an addition, a seismic upgrade and of course a global pandemic. Through it all she has been a strong force.

Mrs. Mitchell, your presence in our building will be missed when you retire at the end of June. We wish you every happiness as you enter retirement! Best wishes, Mrs. Mitchell!

School Fees 2021/2022

The school district requires that we inform parents of the school fees for the upcoming school year. At Holly, our generous and hard-working parent group (Holly Society) supports students in various events and field studies to support their learning. In addition, they pay for student planners which cost \$5 each. However, at times throughout the year, families may be asked to contribute towards special events, and donate between \$2.00 to \$25.00 for various field trips.

We kindly request our new Kindergarten families to purchase their child's school supplies through Holly Elementary, as this ensures children to learn with the proper supplies. The cost for Kindergarten school supplies is \$40.00, and can be given to your child's teacher in September.

At all times, these fees are optional. School Supply Fees for 2021-2022 may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of Covid-19.

At Holly, we are committed to all students taking part in activities. If at any time, you are asked to fund an event or provide supplies for your child and the cost is too much, please call us the office. All communication is kept in confidence.

Parent Requests

Decisions regarding the placement of students in next year's class are complex, involving many factors. Some factors are gender balance, learning styles, previous placements, balance of student academic and behavioral needs, student strengths, etc. Parents can provide the school with important information, which can assist in the placement of students. This information should not be a request for a specific

teacher or friend, but rather important personal, educational, or social information. If you wish to provide us with information please drop us a note at the office. Thank you!

Grade 7 Celebration



This year's Grade 7 class will be celebrated on June 16, 2021. Each class will be celebrated individually in the gym. We will send out a live stream link for families to watch. Congratulations to all our Grade 7's on completing elementary school. We are proud of each and every one of them.

Science Alive Virtual Summer Camps

SFU is offering free, online summer camps to explore the world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & design, Mathematics). Spaces are limited and registration closes on June 7th.

Registration and camp details are all provided in the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/F4te5U1Dya>

Once you submit your registration, someone from SFU will be in contact with you.

Spirit Day

Last month Holly learners participated in Character Day! Our next Spirit Day will be on June 17. Dress in your brightest colour day











Bell Schedule for 2021/2022

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| 8:30 | First Bell |
| 8:35 | Class Begins |
| 10:00-10:15 | Recess |
| 11:50- 12:35 | Lunch |
| 12:35-2:35 | Afternoon Classes Begin |
| 2:35 | End Bell |

Calendar 2021/2022



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2021 – 2022 School Calendar

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| September | 7 | School Opens |
| | 24 | Terry Fox Run |
| | 27 | Non-Instructional Day – School Closed |
| October | 11 | Thanksgiving Day |
| | 18 | Interim Reports |
| | 22 | Non-Instructional Day – School Closed |
| November | 4 | Parent/Teacher Consultation Early Dismissal @ 1:35 |
| | 10 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| | 11 | Remembrance Day – School Closed |
| | 12 | Non-Instructional Day – School Closed |
| December | 10 | First Formal Report Cards (CSL) |
| | 17 | Last Day before Winter Break |
| | 20 - 31 | Winter Break – School Closed |
| January | 3 | School Opens after Winter Break |
| February | 8 | Early Dismissal @ 1:35 |
| | 21 | Family Day – School Closed |
| | 25 | Non-Instructional Day – School Closed |
| March | 11 | Second Formal Report Cards (CSL) Last Day before Spring Break |
| | 14 - 25 | Spring Break – School Closed |
| | 28 | School Opens after Spring Break |
| April | 15 | Good Friday – School Closed |
| | 18 | Easter Monday – School Closed |
| May | 2 - 4 | Art Crawl |
| | 4 | Early Dismissal @ 1:35 |
| | 5 | Parent Tea 8:30-10:30 |
| | 6 | Non-Instructional Day – School Closed |
| | 23 | Victoria Day – School Closed |
| | 30 | Non-Instructional Day – School Closed |
| June | 10 | Sports Day |
| | 15 | Grade 7 Celebration |
| | 23 | Final Formal Report Cards Last Day of Classes |
| | | Early Dismissal @ 1:35 |

Upcoming Events

June 7 Early Dismissal @ 1:35 pm

June 16 Grade 7 Celebration

June 17 Spirit Day Wear your brightest Colour Day

June 21 National Indigenous People's Day

June 24 Last Day of School & Early Dismissal @ 1:35 pm
